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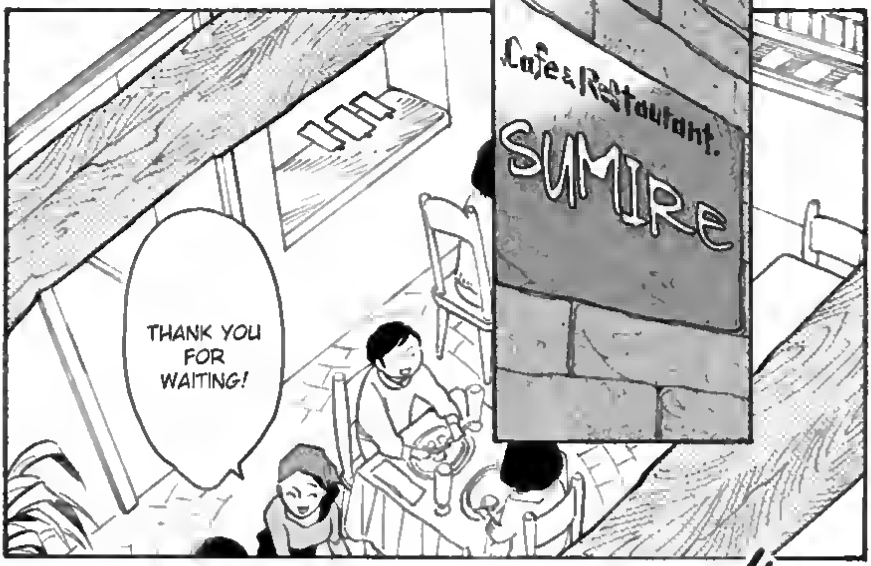

Cafe & Restaurant.
SUMIRE
THANK YOU FOR WAITING!

ding-a-ling
WELCOME!

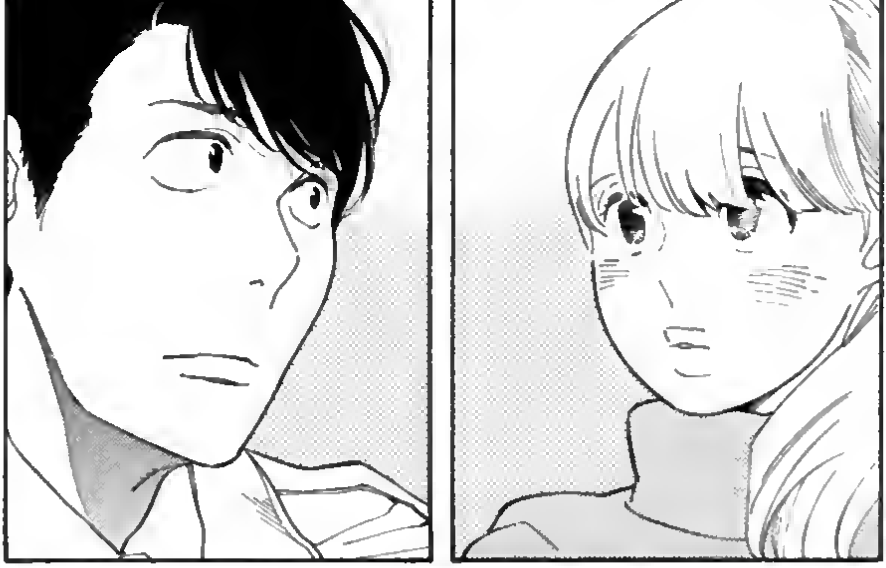
Ch 16 An Education

SORRY.
I JUST GOT IMPATIENT WITH EMAIL.
HERE I WAS THE ONE WHO ASKED YOU OUT IN THE FIRST PLACE...
NO, I'M THE ONE WHO'S SORRY. I'VE BEEN SO WISHY-WASHY...
WELL,
THAT WAS...
I MEAN...
NO WAY...?
And you were so loud
PLEASE BREAK UP WITH ME.
PL-
SO I'M SORRY FOR BEING SO SELFISH, BUT...
NO WAY!

Well ...
SO I'VE STILL GOT A CHANCE THEN.
RIGHT...
IT'S UNREQUITED, RIGHT?
I ASKED FOR A TRIAL PERIOD.
I'VE DONE ALL THIS BEFORE ON MY WAY TO GROWING UP,
SO I'M OKAY WITH EVEN JUST A MIDDLE-SCHOOL TYPE DATE.
WHY ARE YOU SO STUBBORN...?
ARE YOU REALLY ONE TO TALK?
WELL, I LIKE YOU.
THAT'S THE TRUTH.
IS THAT TOO MUCH TO ASK?

BUT I'VE ALSO REALIZED THE WOMAN I'VE FALLEN FOR
LOOKS GROWN UP, BUT IS REALLY JUST A LITTLE GIRL INSIDE..
REALLY?
REALLY.
I MEAN, THAT'S JUST GIVING SOMEONE AN EXCUSE TO CHEAT ALL THEY WANT.
I DON'T THINK IT'S RIGHT TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF YOUR KINDNESS, THOUGH.
STILL...
AT THIS RATE I'M NEVER GOING TO BE ANYTHING MORE THAN A NICE OLDER BROTHER TYPE.

IT IS, BUT THAT'S STILL CHEATING!
IS IT REALLY?
URG!
BUT IT'S UNREQUITED, RIGHT?
WELL, ARE YOU CHEATING ON ME?
OH, I GUESS THE SOMEONE IN THIS SITUATION IS ME.



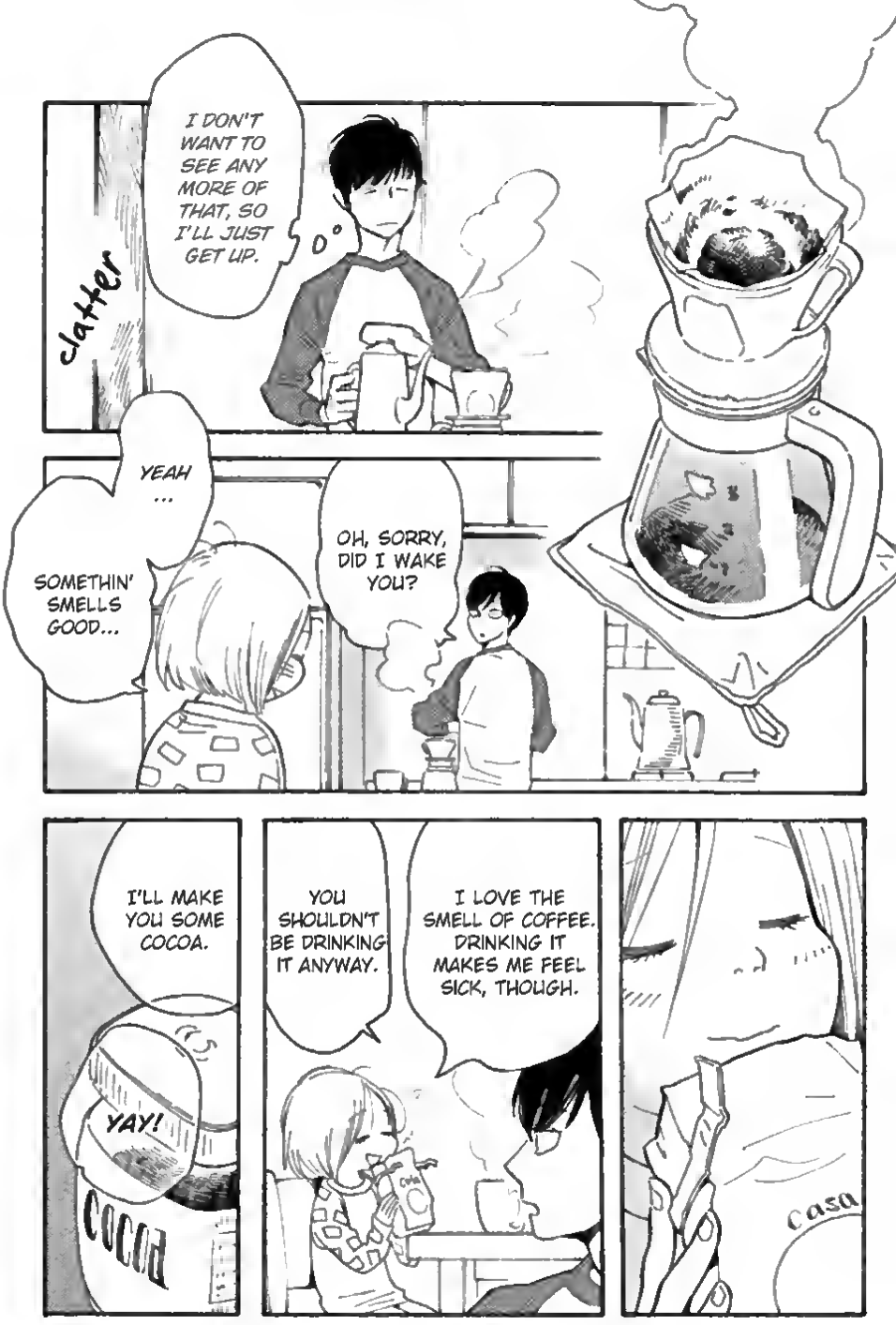
EVEN MIDDLE SCHOOLERS MAKE A MOVE SOMETIMES.

OR JUST GO WILD.

YOU'RE SULKING.

YOU'RE THE ONE WHO'S ABOUT TO CRY, SOUTA-KUN.
NO, WAIT, YOU LOOK LIKE YOU'RE ABOUT TO CRY.

WH...
WHAT THE HELL KINDA DREAM WAS THAT...?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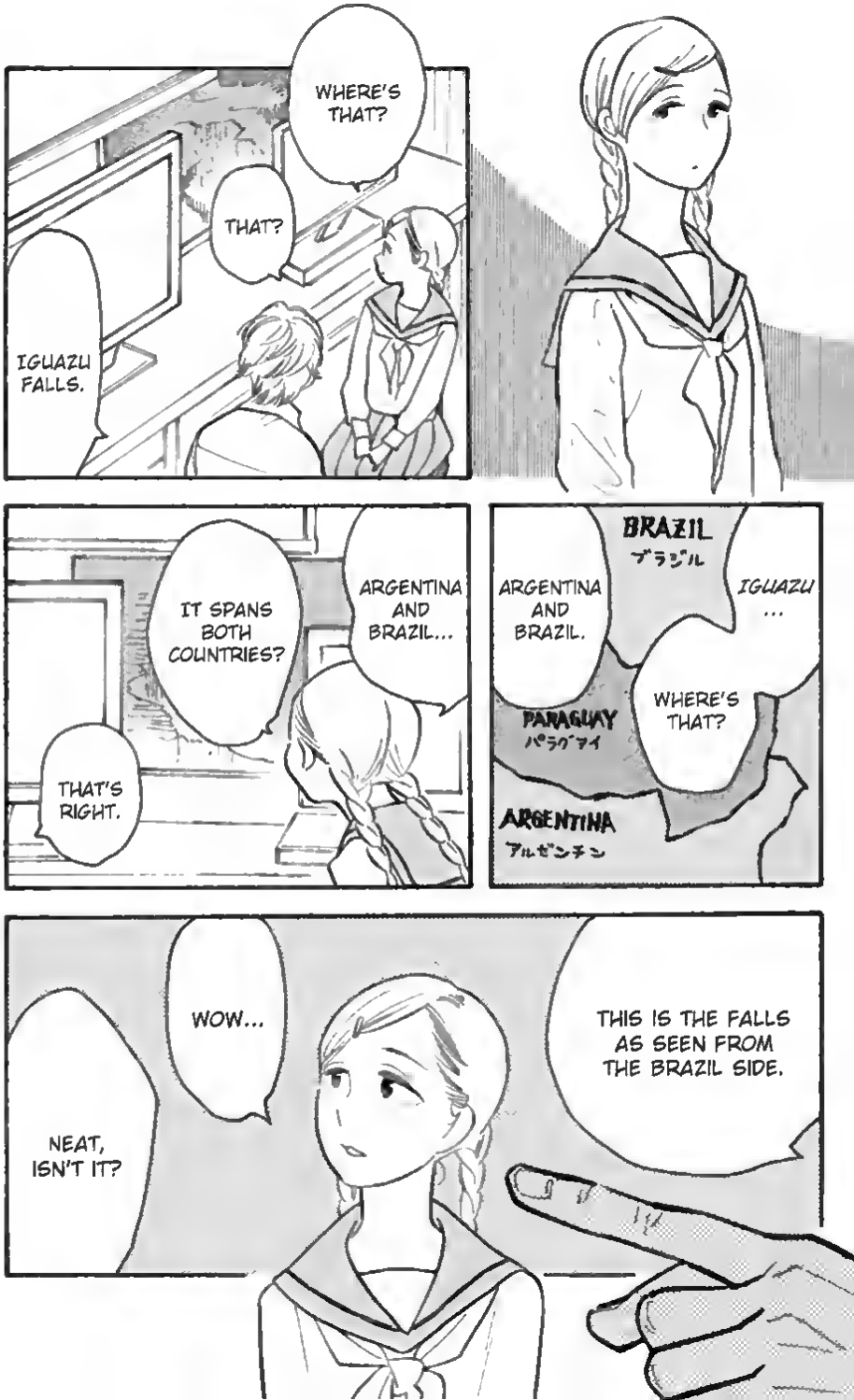
I DON'T WANT TO SEE ANY MORE OF THAT, SO I'LL JUST GET UP.
OH, SORRY, DID I WAKE YOU?
YEAH ...
SOMETHIN' SMELLS GOOD...
I'LL MAKE YOU SOME COCOA.
YAY!
cocoa
YOU SHOULDN'T BE DRINKING IT ANYWAY.
I LOVE THE SMELL OF COFFEE. DRINKING IT MAKES ME FEEL SICK, THOUGH.
casa

I WISH I WAS GOING TO THE WEDDING, TOO.
GRANDMA AND GRANDPA WON'T BE COMING OVER UNTIL NOON, AND YOU'LL BE SLEEPY AGAIN BY THEN.
OH...
YOU SHOULD GO BACK TO BED AFTER YOU FINISH.
WHAAAT? BUT I'M WIDE AWAKE.
SCRUB
Scrub
IT'S JUST GOING TO BE A BUNCH OF GROWN-UPS YOU DON'T KNOW. YOU'D BE BORED.
I'LL BE BACK AS SOON AS IT'S OVER.

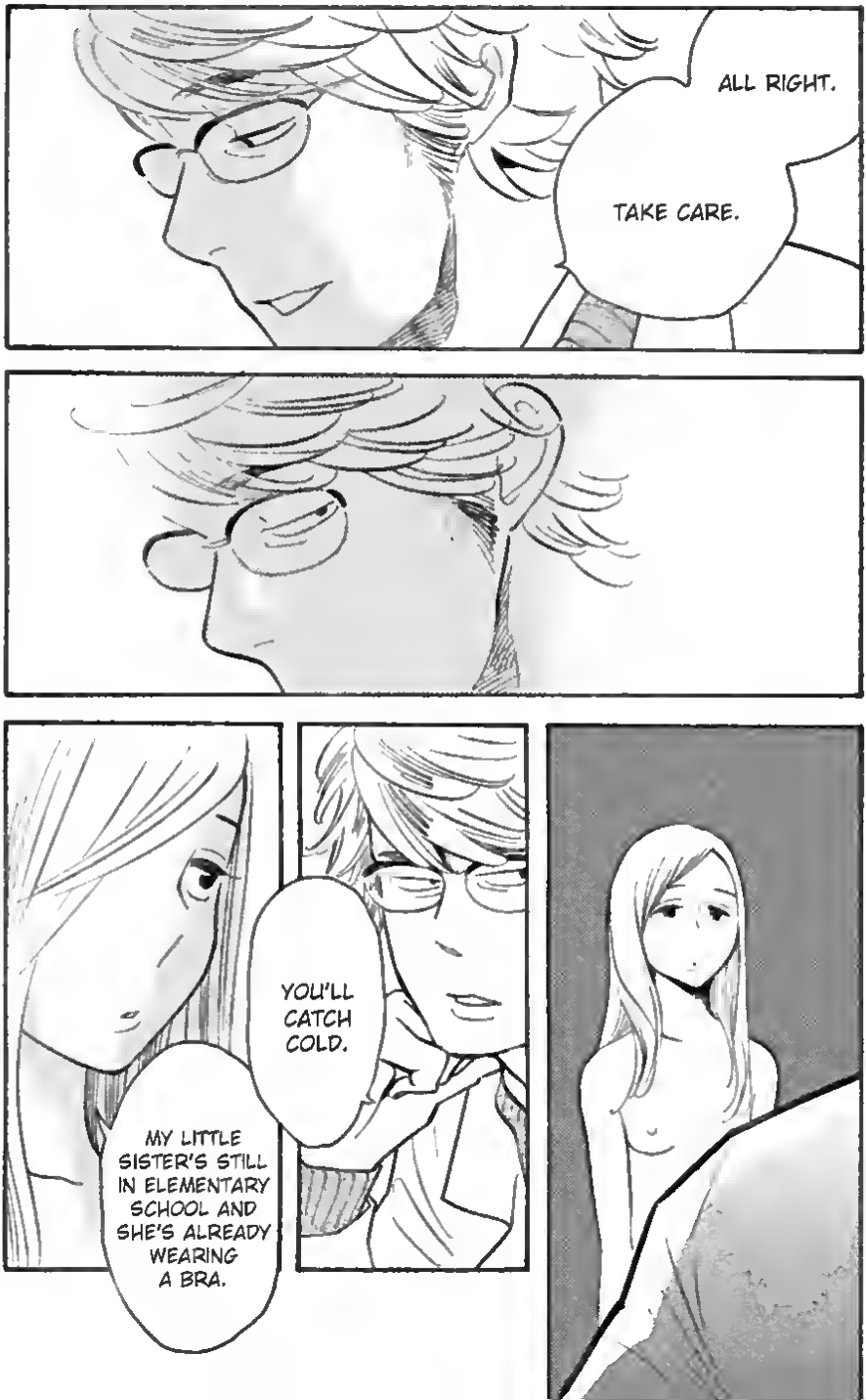
GOODNESS. WHAT ARE YOU ALL DRESSED UP FOR?
OH, NOTHING MUCH.
JUST A FRIEND'S WEDDING.
what!?
WOW, YOU SURE ARE ALL DRESSED UP.
SORRY SORRY
GOOD GRIEF.
WHY DO YOU NEVER MENTION THESE THINGS BEFOREHAND?
I WOULDN'T HAVE MADE LUNCH FOR YOU IF I'D KNOWN.
WHOSE WEDDING IS IT?
TOTSUKA-SENSEI'S DAUGHTER.
WHAT!?
BY TOTSUKA-SENSEI, YOU MEAN THAT TOTSUKA-SENSEI!?
OF COURSE.

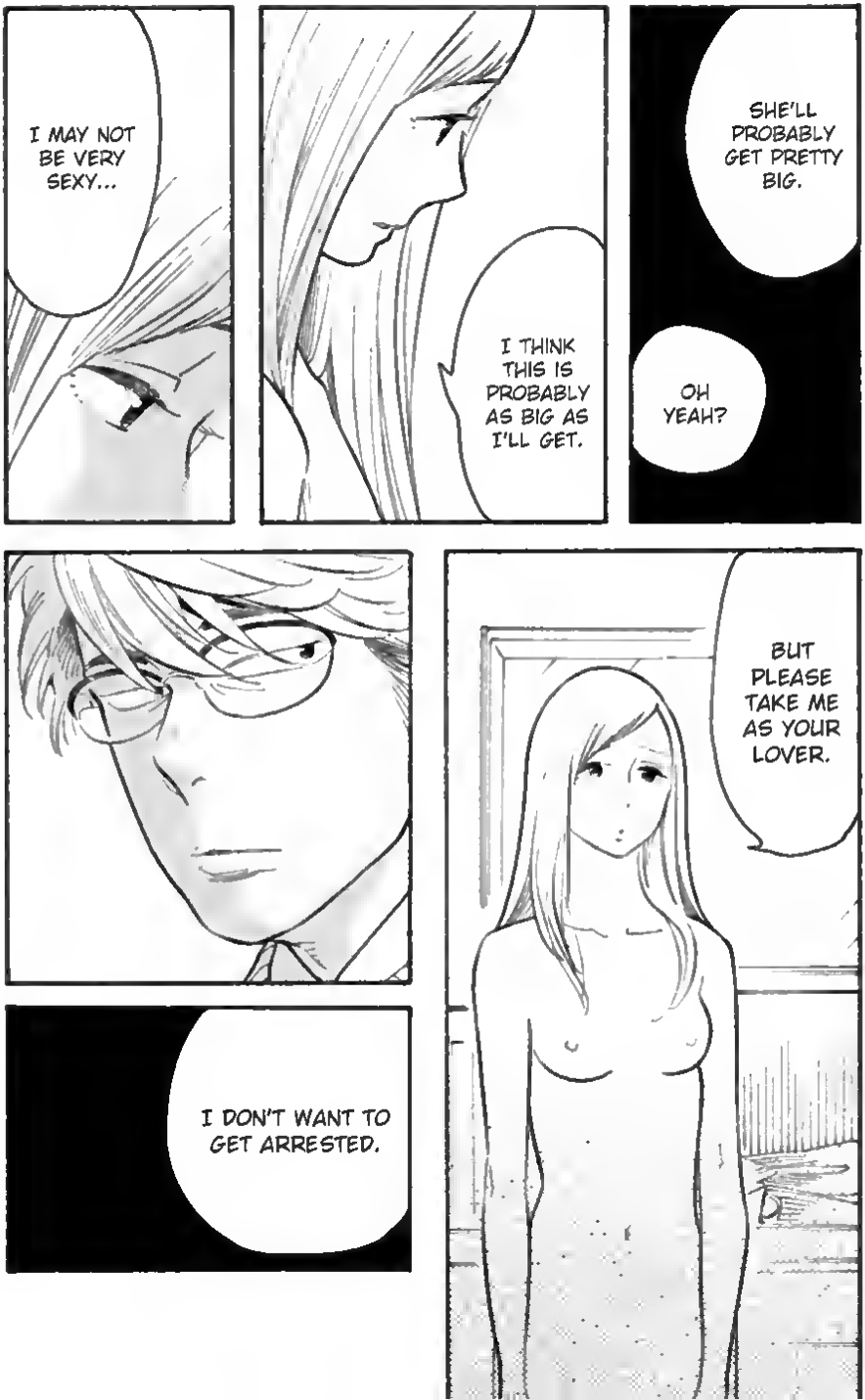
WHO'S TOTSUKA -SENSEI?
WHY WOULDN'T YOU MENTION SOMETHING LIKE THAT!?
I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU!
IT'S TOO EARLY FOR ALL THIS NOISE.
I'LL JUST SNAG A BITE OF EGGS!
OH!
OH, I REMEMBER HIM.
THE DOCTOR WHO TREATED YUME ALL THOSE YEARS, THAT'S WHO!

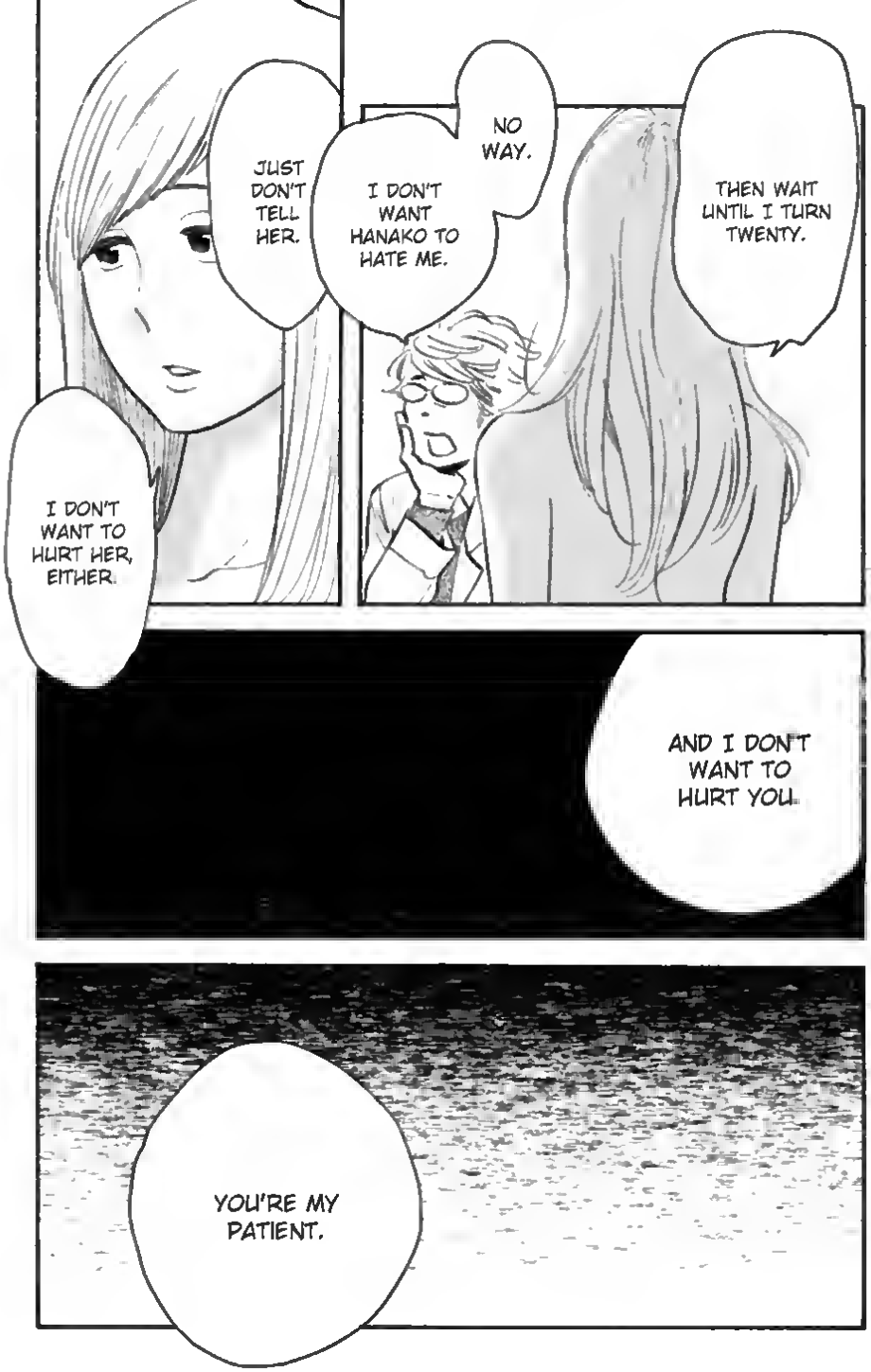

WHERE'S THAT?
THAT?
IGUAZU FALLS.
IT SPANS BOTH COUNTRIES?
ARGENTINA AND BRAZIL...
THAT'S RIGHT.
BRAZIL
ブラジル
ARGENTINA AND BRAZIL.
IGUAZU ...
WHERE'S THAT?
PARAGUAY
パラグアイ
ARGENTINA
アルゼンチン
WOW...
NEAT, ISN'T IT?
THIS IS THE FALLS AS SEEN FROM THE BRAZIL SIDE.

LINE 2, WASN'T IT?
YEAH.
SORRY!
BEEN WAITING LONG?
OH.
I USED TO GO WITH YOU TO THE HOSPITAL ALL THE TIME.
OH, RIGHT.
THANKS FOR THAT.
HOW LONG HAS IT BEEN?
IT FEELS WEIRD TO BE OUT TOGETHER LIKE THIS.

WERE YOU MARRIED?
STILL AM.
I HAVE A KID ABOUT YOUR AGE.
Examination Room
THOUGH I GOT MARRIED WHEN I WAS STILL A STUDENT. TOO SOON.
IS THAT KID A DAUGHTER?
THAT'S RIGHT.
WANT TO MEET HER?


ALL RIGHT.
TAKE CARE.
YOU'LL CATCH COLD.
MY LITTLE SISTER'S STILL IN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AND SHE'S ALREADY WEARING A BRA.


I MAY NOT BE VERY SEXY...
I THINK THIS IS PROBABLY AS BIG AS I'LL GET.
SHE'LL PROBABLY GET PRETTY BIG.
OH YEAH?
BUT PLEASE TAKE ME AS YOUR LOVER.
I DON'T WANT TO GET ARRESTED.


JUST DON'T TELL HER.
NO WAY.
I DON'T WANT HANAKO TO HATE ME.
THEN WAIT UNTIL I TURN TWENTY.
I DON'T WANT TO HURT HER, EITHER.
AND I DON'T WANT TO HURT YOU.
YOU'RE MY PATIENT.

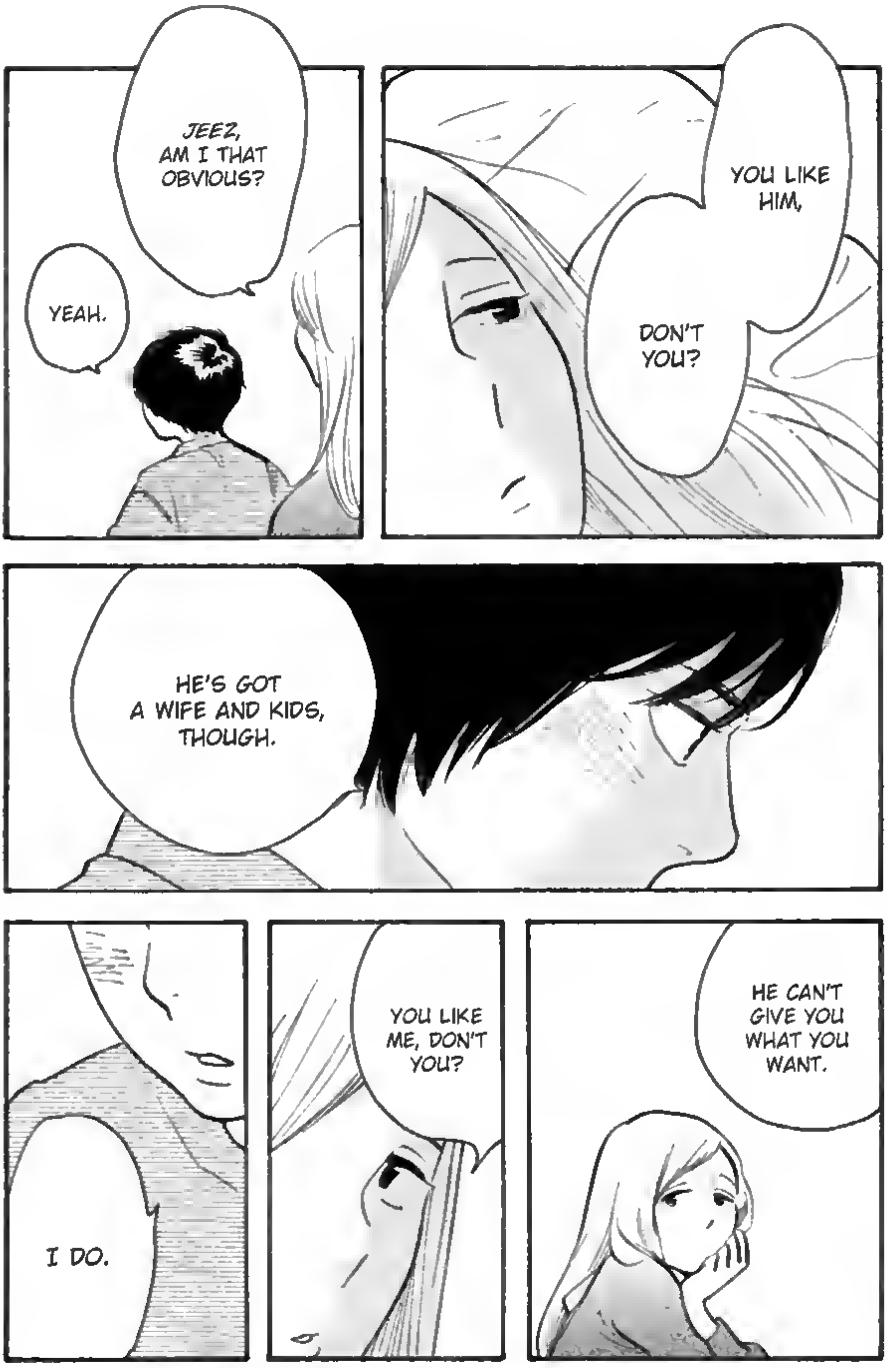
BUT IT'S OKAY. I WANT TO BE HURT
YOU ALREADY HURT ME
WE'RE NEXT.
I DON'T MIND AS LONG AS IT'S YOU, SENSEI.

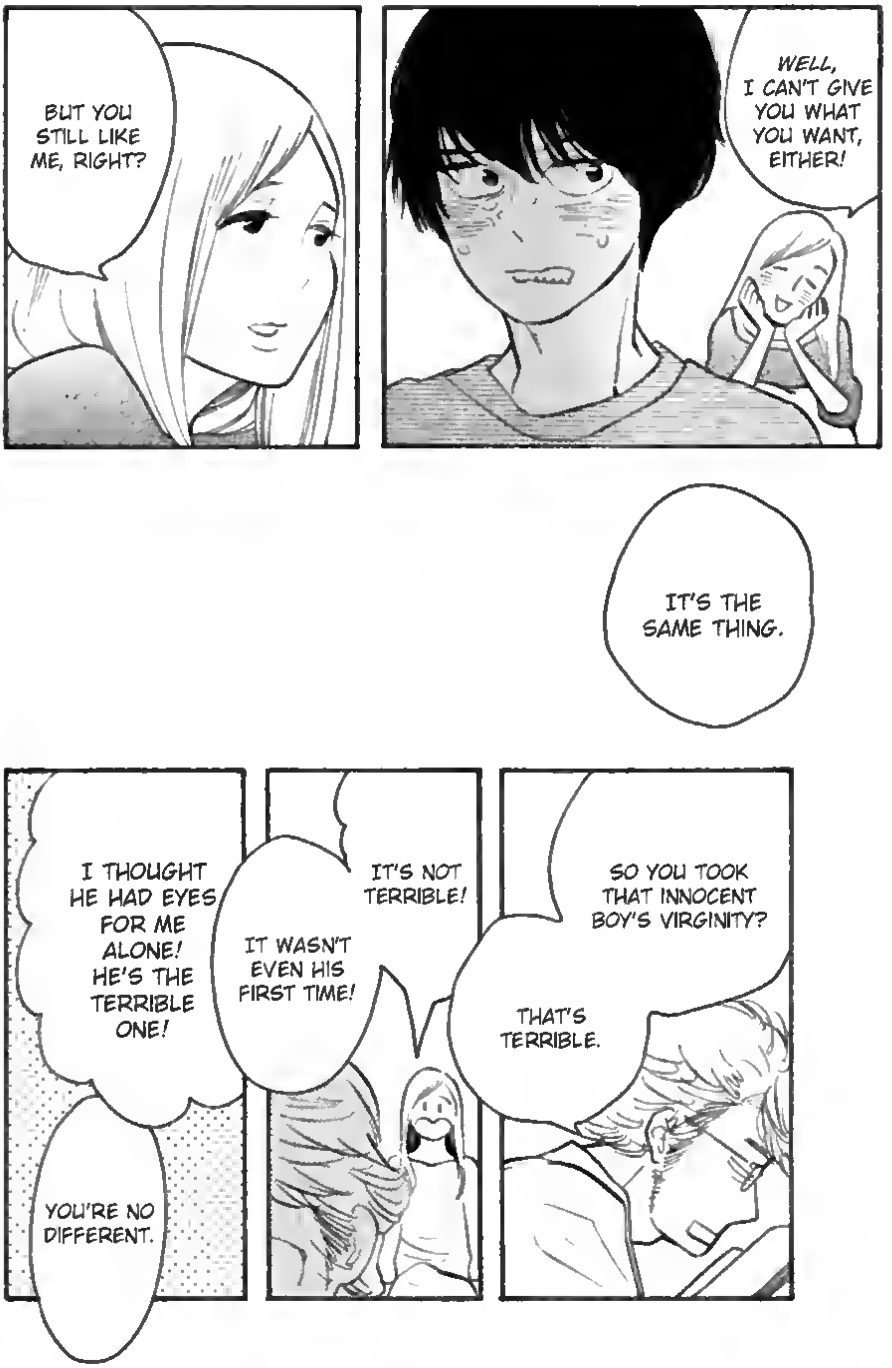
YOU SURE HAVE GROWN UP.
IT'S A LOVELY CEREMONY.
CONGRA-TULATIONS.
IT IS, ISN'T IT?
WILL YOU BE JOINING US FOR THE AFTER PARTY?
NO, I'D BETTER HEAD HOME.

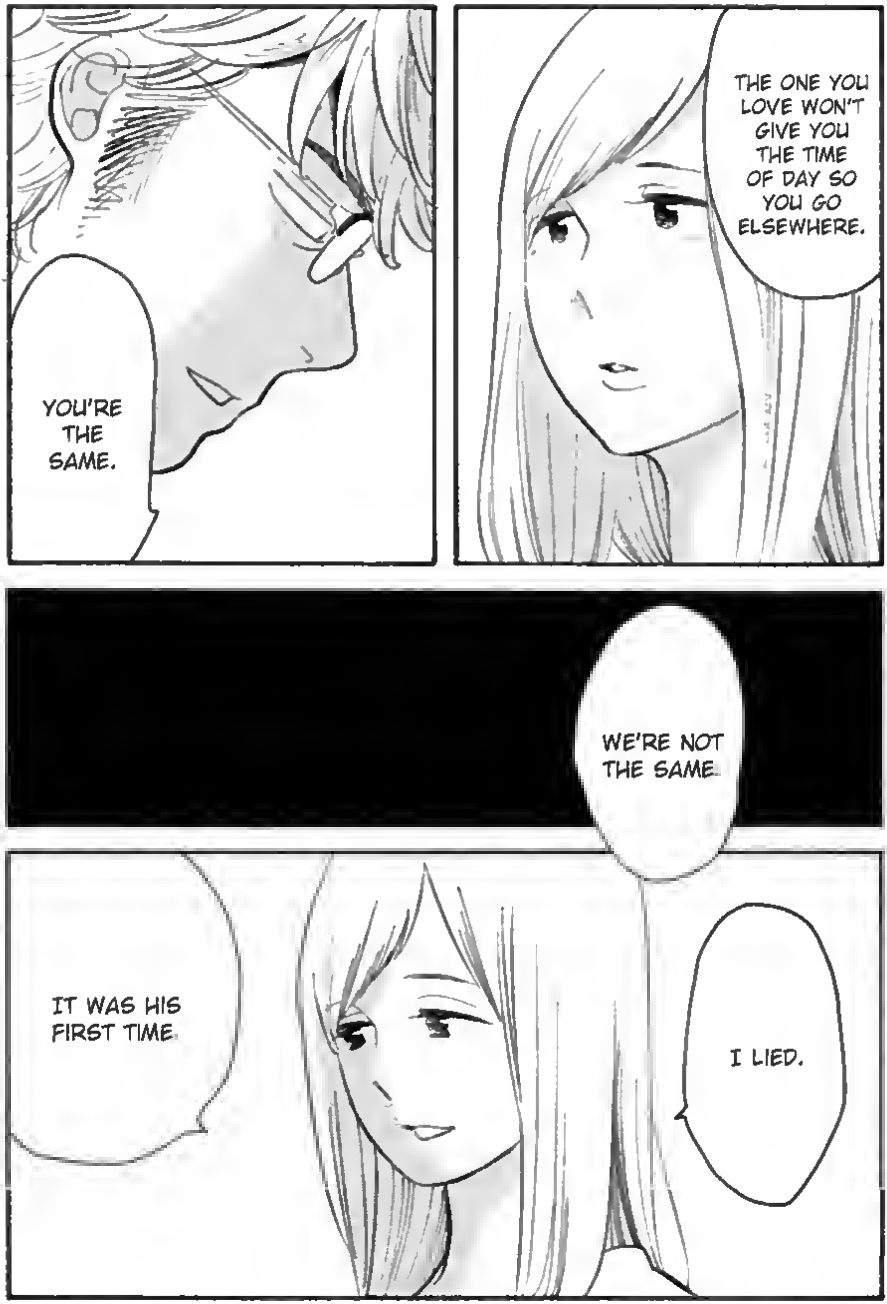
OH, REALLY?
SHE'S NOT MY WIFE.
WAIT. UH,
SHE WAS RARING TO GO.
WI...?
NOT STICKING AROUND WITH THE WIFE, EH?
I HAVE A DAUGHTER.
I MEAN, YOU TWO WERE ALWAYS TOGETHER.
I JUST ASSUMED...
MY WIFE PASSED AWAY LAST YEAR.

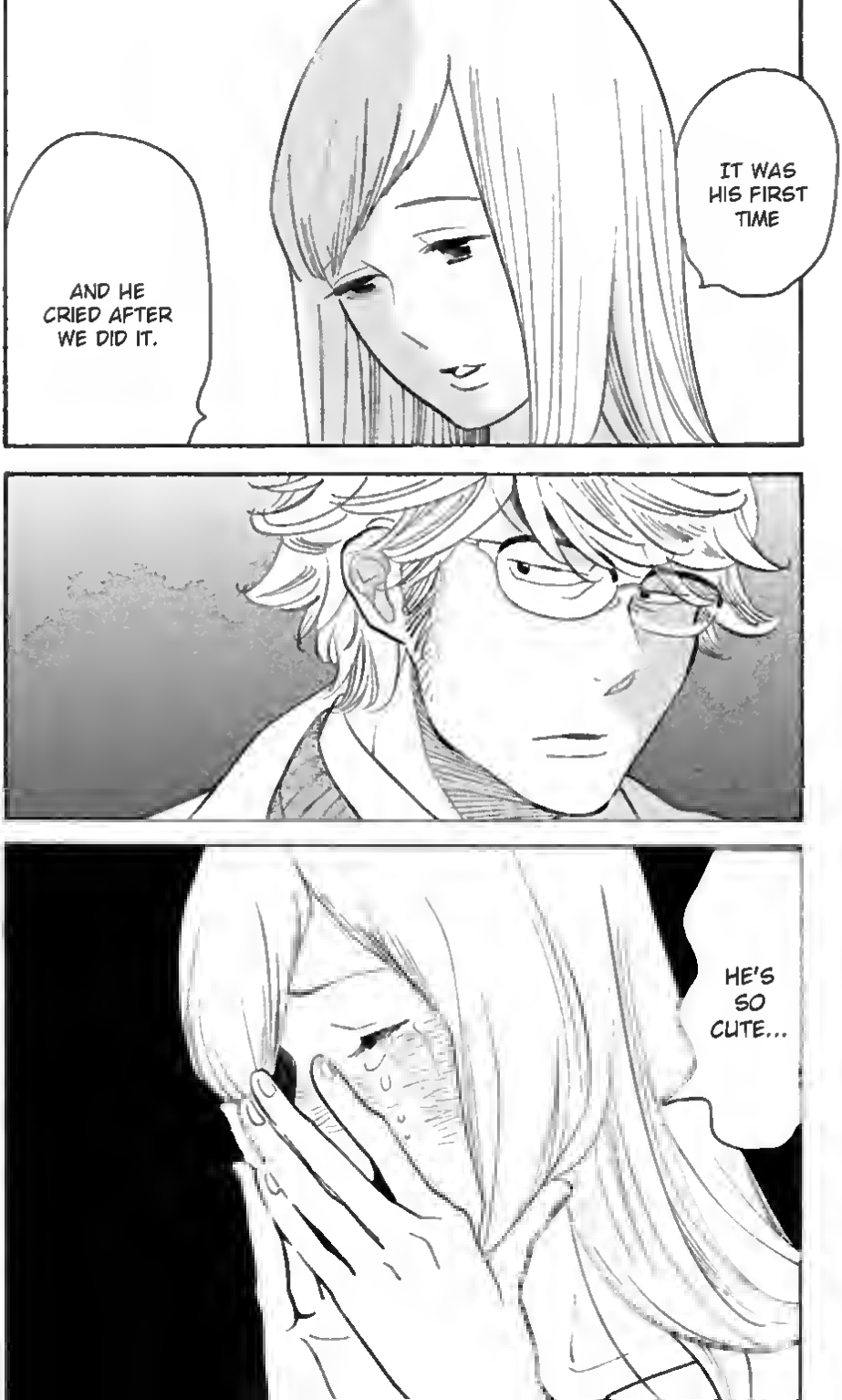
ARE YOU THE ONE WHO CALLED THE AMBULANCE?
OH... YES.
NO...
JUST A NEIGHBOR.
GOOD THINKING. ARE YOU HER BROTHER?

HUH!?
HE SAID I CAN PROBABLY STOP COMING TO THE HOSPITAL AS OFTEN.
THAT'S GREAT.
YEAH.
I GUESS SO.


JEEZ, AM I THAT OBVIOUS?
YEAH.
YOU LIKE HIM, DON'T YOU?
HE'S GOT A WIFE AND KIDS, THOUGH.
I DO.
YOU LIKE ME, DON'T YOU?
HE CAN'T GIVE YOU WHAT YOU WANT.


BUT YOU STILL LIKE ME, RIGHT?
WELL, I CAN'T GIVE YOU WHAT YOU WANT, EITHER!
IT'S THE SAME THING.
I THOUGHT HE HAD EYES FOR ME ALONE! HE'S THE TERRIBLE ONE!
IT'S NOT TERRIBLE!
IT WASN'T EVEN HIS FIRST TIME!
SO YOU TOOK THAT INNOCENT BOY'S VIRGINITY?
THAT'S TERRIBLE.
YOU'RE NO DIFFERENT.


YOU'RE THE SAME.
THE ONE YOU LOVE WON'T GIVE YOU THE TIME OF DAY SO YOU GO ELSEWHERE.
WE'RE NOT THE SAME.
IT WAS HIS FIRST TIME.
I LIED.


IT WAS HIS FIRST TIME
AND HE CRIED AFTER WE DID IT.
HE'S SO CUTE...

YOU MADE ME JEALOUS OF A KID.

A BAUM-KUCHEN OR SOMETHING, I GUESS.
WHO KNOWS.
HUH? INSIDE?
I'LL BE HOME SOON.
YEAH.
I'M AT THE STATION NOW.
OH, FINE.
I'LL STOP BY THE STORE AND GET A CAKE!
SORRY,
I HAVEN'T LOOKED INSIDE YET.